



**THE
JUVENILE JUSTICE
COMMITTEE**

ACTION PACKET

**Wednesday, March 22, 2006
10:15 AM – 12:00 PM**

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Juvenile Justice Committee

3/22/2006 10:15:00AM

Location: 214 Capitol

Attendance:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Faye Culp (Chair)	X		
Gustavo Barreiro	X		
Audrey Gibson	X		
Matthew Meadows	X		
Mitch Needelman	X		
Frank Peterman	X		
Anthony Traviesa			X
Totals:	6	0	1

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PCB JUVJ 06-02 : Judicial Discretion to Select Commitment Programs

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Favorable					
	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Gustavo Barreiro	X				
Audrey Gibson	X				
Matthew Meadows	X				
Mitch Needelman	X				
Frank Peterman	X				
Anthony Traviesa			X		
Faye Culp (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 6		Total Nays: 0			

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PCB JUVJ 06-03 : Juvenile Sexual Offenders

☒ Favorable With Amendments

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Gustavo Barreiro	X				
Audrey Gibson	X				
Matthew Meadows	X				
Mitch Needelman	X				
Frank Peterman	X				
Anthony Traviesa			X		
Faye Culp (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 6		Total Nays: 0			

Appearances:

PCB JUVJ 06-03--Juvenile Sexual Offenders

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Other Business Appearance:

Community Alternatives to Commitment for Girls

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Summary:

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PCB JUVJ 06-02 Favorable

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0

PCB JUVJ 06-03 Favorable With Amendments

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0

HOUSE AMENDMENT FOR COUNCIL/COMMITTEE PURPOSES

Amendment No. 1 (for drafter's use only)

Bill No. PCB JUVJ 06-03

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION X (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)
OTHER _____

ADOPTED

Council/Committee hearing bill: Juvenile Justice
Representative(s) Culp offered the following:

Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

On line 66 delete "or" and insert:
and

HOUSE AMENDMENT FOR COUNCIL/COMMITTEE PURPOSES

Amendment No. 2 (for drafter's use only)

Bill No. PCB JUVJ 06-03

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION X (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)
OTHER _____

1 Council/Committee hearing bill: Juvenile Justice
2 Representative(s) Needelman offered the following:

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4 **Amendment**

5 On line 306, after "statute" insert:
6 To redefine the term "juvenile sexual offender"
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file
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OPPAGA

Effective Community Programs Could Reduce Commitments of Girls to Residential Programs

Presented to
House Juvenile Justice
Committee
March 22, 2006

LucyAnn Walker- Fraser, Senior Analyst

Florida Legislature Office of Program Policy Analysis & Government Accountability

Report Overview

- What is the recent trend in admissions to residential programs?
- What offenses have girls committed who are admitted to residential juvenile justice programs?
- Are there viable community alternatives to residential commitment for girls?

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Admissions

To Residential Programs Are Slowly Decreasing

FY	Admissions	
	Girls	Boys
1999-00	1,555	8,440
2000-01	1,685	8,063
2001-02	1,642	7,310
2002-03	1,606	7,257
2003-04	1,506	7,032
2004-05	1,455	6,898
% Change	-6%	-18%

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Admitting Offenses

A Higher % of Girls Are Admitted for Less Serious Offenses

Admissions Reason	Girls			Boys		
	02-03	03-04	04-05	02-03	03-04	04-05
Felony	42%	42%	44%	61%	60%	63%
Misdemeanor	32%	34%	37%	23%	25%	25%
NLV	22%	20%	16%	13%	12%	9%
Probation						
Other	4%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%
Total	1,572	1,487	1,414	7,114	6,892	6,712

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Prior Offenses

Felony History	Girls	Boys	Total
Repeat Felon	35%	59%	4,463
One-Time Felon	44%	32%	2,776
Non-Felon	21%	9%	886
Total Youth Admitted	1,414	6,711	8,125

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Girls Admissions for Misdemeanors and NLVs are highest in nine counties:

Duval, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Palm Beach, Dade, Polk, Pasco, Escambia, Volusia

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Are There Viable Community Options?


- Reduce costs
- Treat girls and families to address abuse and neglect
- Use program models proven effective with girls

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Evidence-Based Models

- Specific model and principles
- Replicable
- Results tested over time
- Ongoing monitoring
- Reviewed national research on effectiveness for girls


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We recommend four projects in the community

- Revised Redirection eligibility
- Family Integrated Transitions Program
- PACE and Dialectical Behavior Therapy (Mental Health)
- MST with specialized mental health

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Option 1: Revise Eligibility for Redirection

Now a pilot program for non-law violators

Revise eligibility criteria to include

- misdemeanants
- appropriate girls with histories of violent crime


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Option 2: Family Integrated Transitions Program

For youth with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse problems

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Option 3: PACE with Dialectical Behavior Therapy

Combine PACE with therapy shown to reduce recidivism for delinquent girls

Pilot this program at PACE Centers in Duval, Escambia, and Pinellas



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Option 4: Program for Girls with Mental Health and Abuse Issues

Use the more intensive model of Multisystemic Therapy to serve girls with serious mental health problems



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Project Funding

Potential Treatment Models	Cost per Girl
Expanded Redirection program	\$8,400
Family Integrated Transitions Program	\$9,900
Low-Risk Commitment	\$11,186
PACE with Dialectical Behavior Therapy	\$16,373
Multisystemic Therapy Specialized Mental Health and Abuse Treatment	\$20,170
Moderate-Risk Commitment	
Non-special needs beds	\$21,077
Special needs beds	\$32,806
High-Risk Commitment	\$50,160



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We recommend establishing four projects

Program Model	# Served	Cost per Girl	Total Cost
Expansion of Redirection	50	\$8,400	\$420,000
Family Integrated Transitions	32	\$9,900	\$316,800
PACE and Dialectical Behavior Therapy	30	\$16,374	\$491,220
MST Specialized Mental Health and Abuse Treatment	24	\$20,170	\$484,080
Total for 4 Projects	136	\$12,589	\$1,712,100

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Project Funding

- **Cut 50 beds and keep a 6% reserve**
- **Shift \$1.7 million from residential to community-based alternatives**
- **Save \$1.8 million next fiscal year as alternatives become operational**

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